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Pull up to a hospital in style

A limo might be stretching the point, but there is a proposal to make hospital parking more of a smooth ride. ISTOCK/PHOTOILLUSTRATION BY DAVID VAN DYKE

HEALTH

Ottawa firm sought to run valet or jockey services

Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

Pulling up to an Ottawa hospital parking lot could soon become a little more luxurious.

The Ottawa Hospital is looking for a local company to run a proposed valet or jockey parking service at all three of its locations, as part of a year-long pilot project to help make finding a place to park less of a headache for visitors.

"The Ottawa Hospital faces the ongoing challenge of providing sufficient parking space to meet the needs of its patients and visitors," says a recent request for proposals.

The winning bidder would be in charge of running the existing parking lots at the General, Civic, and Riverside campuses.

The request for proposals didn't specify how much the valet parking would cost above the hospital's daily parking rates. The Ottawa Hospital already takes in $12 million a year in revenue from parking fees.

Companies that are interested in providing the valet service must go to the Civic campus on Friday for a mandatory meeting.

Ottawa would not be the only city in the province to offer valet parking at its hospitals. The Bayview Campus of Toronto's Sunnybrook Hospital has been offering valet parking for an additional $3 since 2006.

The Ottawa Hospital declined an interview request from Metro, but a spokeswoman said boosting revenue is not the main reason for trying out the service.

Rather, said Hazel Harding, "it is attempt to find solutions to our parking issues."

The request for proposals does note, however, that the service should generate "sufficient revenue" to help offset the costs of operating and managing the parking lots.

The hospital might also decide against going ahead with the valet parking pilot project, Harding said.

The valet service would "ideally offer additional revenue beyond the costs of the service that may be used by (the Ottawa Hospital) to enhance its patient services," the request for proposals says.

If the one-year pilot project is successful, the hospital says it will consider a five-year agreement, with the option of an additional two-year extension.

The request for proposals also sets out specific criteria for businesses to meet if they want in on the deal.

They have to have an Ottawa address; offer services in both English and French; valet or jockey parking must be operational from Monday to Friday during regular business hours, except on statutory holidays and "identified slowdown periods"; and their employees must pass criminal record checks.

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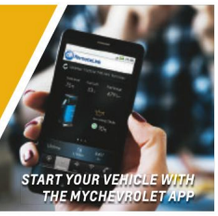

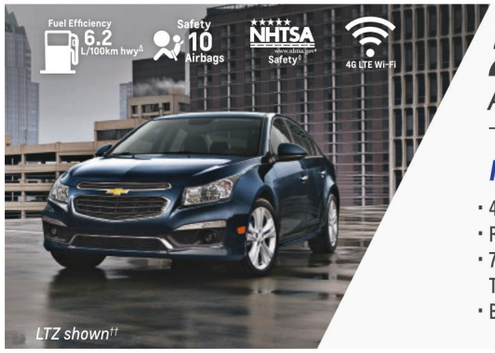

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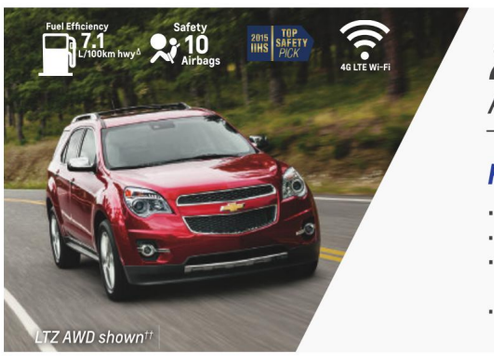

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Ottawa councillors enjoy a field trip and see their own city

NEIGHBOURHOODS

Tour highlights how diverse planning issues are in each area

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

The city's planning committee went on a rare field trip Monday, seeing four of the city's wards and their planning issues, as residents do — by bus and on foot.

"This is great, I never really get out to Bells Corner," said Somerset Coun. Catherine McKenney as councillors began to board the chartered OC Transpo bus.

It turns out field trips are the same kind of thing in grade school as they are for city councillors. After jokes about troublemakers sitting in the back and at least one person excitedly pulling the hanging stop cord, the bus started its four-hour journey into the west end.

Along the tour, the group disembarked to walk the area and look at sites proposed for new condos and new LRT stations.

"Welcome to hipster-burg," quipped Coun. Jeff Leiper, as he took over the tour for his ward, pointing out the plentiful supply of coffee shops between development highlights.

"I wish this was a food tour," someone said as the tour marched past Suzy Q Doughnuts.

Instead, the group saw planning decisions in action: Both Leiper and McKenney highlighted examples of both good and bad infill housing in their neighbourhoods.

The tour also highlighted how diverse the planning issues are in each area.

Leaving the intensifying downtown neighbourhoods, Bay Ward Coun. Mark Taylor and College Coun. Rick Chiarelli had a chance to explain the challenges facing their neighbourhoods.

"We lost about 30 per cent of our customer base when Nortel closed," said Chiarelli, pointing out new retail locations built in anticipation of the Department of National Defence moving into the area.

As the bus entered Bells Corners it picked up an unlikely hitchhiker — Alex Lewis, the director of the area's BIA, dressed in full kilt regalia at the side of the road.

Lewis took the group to sample brews at the new Whiprsnapr Brewing Company, the result of a retail gap study which said residents wanted their own brewery.

Many of the stops on the tour were locations that had been debated in council meetings, giving out-of-ward councillors the chance to see the sites in person.

"It was a good microcosm of a lot of the issues that Ottawa is facing," said Leiper.

"We followed the future LRT route, and we saw how LRT is going to bring some of those development opportunities and challenges as it moves west. That was neat."

Councillors and staff from the city's planning committee look at infill developments along Clearview Avenue in Kitchissippi Ward. HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

LGBT COMMUNITY

Gay, lesbian Canadians asking for apology from government

Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

Members of the LGBT community who were booted from their jobs in the public service over four decades because of their sexual orientation will be on Parliament Hill Tuesday to demand an official apology.

Among the group will be Darl Wood, a member of the Canadian Forces in Halifax who was kicked out of the military in 1978 because she was a lesbian.

Toronto-Danforth NDP MP Craig Scott and NDP LGBT critic Randall Garrison will be joining men and women like Wood as they present legislation to address what they describe as "a blight on Canadian military history."

On Monday, Metro published a report describing the homophobic regime that involved RCMP interrogations of suspected homosexuals within the civil service and a test dubbed "The Fruit Machine," which was believed to be able to identify gay and lesbian individuals.

The so-called test resulted in workers losing their jobs.

Gary Kinsman, author of The Canadian War on Queers: National Security as Sexual Regulation, will also attend the Tuesday press conference at 11 a.m. with other members of the We Demand an Apology network.

> **It's way past the time the Canadian government officially apologized for the injustices they committed.**
> Gary Kinsman

IN BRIEF

Bear spotted near Barrhaven golf course

Police were dispatched to the Stonebridge Golf Course Monday morning after residents spotted a Black Bear roaming near the property.

Ottawa police patrol officers responded to a call at 330 Calabar Court, but by the time they arrived, the bear had retreated into the woods nearby. Police say there was no safety issues with the bear sighting.

The gold course posted a message on its Facebook page saying it was spotted near the intersection of Jockvale Road and Blackleaf Drive. JOE LOFARO/METRO

WELLINGTON STREET

City staff awaiting new 'landmark' condo proposal

Kitchissippi ward Coun. Jeff Leiper said city staff is still waiting to hear back from Mizrahi developments about the "landmark" condo planned for Wellington Street and Island Park Drive.

"It's still up in the air, which way it will go," he said.

The controversial development — Mizrahi is asking for 12 storeys, which is three floors more than the height limit — went to the Ontario Municipal Board in May.

The board said it would approve the 12 storeys only if they featured "landmark" architecture.

Leiper said he wants the OMB to set the bar for that standard very high; otherwise the future height limits set by the city will be obsolete.

"I'm cynical that if Mizrahi come up with jaw-dropping architecture, that might not be what's built," he said. "There's going to be a lot of cynicism that we won't be given some kind of bait and switch."

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PARLIAMENT HILL

Unions protest omnibus bill

Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

Public servants unhappy with the Conservative government's latest omnibus budget bill brought their displeasure to Prime Minister Stephen Harper's doorstep on Monday.

The crowd of about 75 people chanted "solidarité" and "Stephen Harper's got to go" at a lunchtime rally on Wellington and Elgin streets, right outside Langevin Block, which houses the Prime Minister's Office.

At one point, they turned around and booed at the building, their large flags flapping vigorously in the strong wind.

The rally was organized by the Canadian Association of Professional Employees (CAPE), which represents statisticians, economists and policy analysts in the public service.

At issue are sections of Bill C-59, which federal unions argue give the government power to impose a deal on public servants' sick leave provisions whenever it wishes, subverting the collective bargaining process.

After the government's "attacks on collective labour rights ... I think people are saying 'Well, that's enough,'" said Emmanuelle Tremblay, CAPE's national president. "Now that we've hit an all-time low, we need to start fighting back and standing up for our rights."

Treasury Board President Tony Clement has maintained the government is committed to the collective bargaining process.

Tremblay said rank-and-file members have urged the union to be more active and mobilized in the run-up to October's federal election.

"People are starting to feel that we need to stand up and show that we cannot accept and tolerate any more of those repeated attacks on public services," she said.

CAPE is planning lunchtime gatherings every Monday at the same spot. They are inviting other unions to join them. In that vein, Dan Maxwell, the Ottawa president of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, also spoke at the rally.

"If you think that attacks on public services can go unnoticed by the labour movement in Canada, you are sorely mistaken," he said, addressing Harper and Clement. "October is just around the corner."

Ontario Speaker rejects PC Hydro One complaint

QUEEN'S PARK

Corporation found not in contempt of parliament

The Speaker of the Ontario legislature has ruled there was no contempt of parliament in the Hydro One dealings with the provincial ombudsman and the government.

The Progressive Conservatives complained after ombudsman Andre Marin accused officials at Hydro One of misleading, and even lying, to him and the Ministry of Energy about the extent of its billing problems.

Marin included a chapter called "Obstructing the Ombudsman" in his report to the legislature on Hydro One's "abominable" treatment of customers.

The Tories say Marin was investigating complaints MPPs raised on behalf of their constituents, and lying to the ombudsman, an officer of the legislature, was the same as misleading them.

But Speaker Dave Levac ruled there was no contempt and no breach of a member's privilege because the ombudsman never said he was unable to complete his investigation into Hydro One.

> **The speaker effectively slammed the door in my face today. I was very surprised it was such a weak ruling.**
> Steve Clark, Ontario PC house leader

Energy Minister Bob Chiarelli unknowingly used misinformation from Hydro One in the legislature, but no one alleged he intentionally misled the house, which Levac calls a "cardinal sin."

It's clear the legislature was misled because of wrong information provided by Hydro One, "but the Speaker effectively slammed the door in my face today," said PC house leader Steve Clark after Levac's ruling.

Hydro One CEO Carmine Marcello has insisted his officials did nothing wrong and co-operated with the ombudsman's investigation into complaints from 10,700 customers about erroneous electricity bills.

The Conservatives have also asked the Ontario Provincial Police to investigate the ombudsman's claims that he was lied to by officials at Hydro One.

Earlier Monday, PC Leader Patrick Brown announced he was setting up a website to oppose the government's planned sale of 60 per cent of Hydro One to the private sector, weeks after the NDP set up a similar website.

The New Democrats flatly oppose any sale of the giant transmission utility, which also serves as a local electricity distributor for 1.3 million customers, and want Premier Kathleen Wynne to hold a referendum before any sale is made. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SPORTS POLICE RUN IN SUPPORT OF ONTARIO'S SPECIAL OLYMPIANS Ottawa police Insp. John McGetrick leads the Ontario Law Enforcement Torch Run through downtown Ottawa, Monday morning, with local Special Olympians. The run is the largest source of revenue for Special Olympics Ontario, which supports 19,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities. Officers with the Ottawa police, OPP, and other law enforcement agencies participated in the run from Ottawa police headquarters to Parliament Hill and back. Runners carried their collection baskets as they ran the course. JOE LOFARO/METRO

CHEMICAL STOCKPILE CASE

Officer takes stand at Phillips trial

The case of a man whose chemical stockpiles prompted police to order evacuations in two cities opened Monday with testimony from an RCMP officer who said Christopher Phillips was considered a threat to public safety.

Sgt. Lisa Stuart told Nova Scotia Supreme Court that police came to that conclusion early in their investigation based on long, rambling emails from Phillips, which had been turned over to police by Phillips' wife in late January.

Stuart says it was clear from the emails that Phillips was suffering from a "diminished mental capacity," and she read from emails that referred to osmium tetroxide, a highly toxic substance that Phillips suggested could be used to throw at police.

Phillips is charged with threatening police officers and possessing a weapon — osmium tetroxide — for a dangerous purpose. He was arrested in January in an Ottawa hotel after it was evacuated by police. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CONFEDERATION CELEBRATIONS

Reggae-fusion band Magic! headlines Canada Day event

Los Angeles-based reggae-fusion band Magic! is headlining this year's Canada Day noon show on Parliament Hill.

The band, whose members all hail from the Toronto area, is probably best known for the hit song Rude, which hit No. 1 in seven countries.

The annual show will be accompanied by the usual Snowbirds flypast. An additional flypast of vintage planes will honour the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

Magic! will be joined by other artists including Quebec singer-songwriter Marc Dupré, Gord Bamford, Jones and the Massive Attraction, Francesco Yates, Andee, and the Jerry Cans.

Most of those same artists will return for the evening show starting at 7:30 p.m., along with pop singer Karim Ouellet and another to-be-announced artist.

That show will end with fireworks at 10 p.m.

Festivities throughout downtown will particularly focus on select themes: the 200th anniversary of the birth of Sir John A. Macdonald, the 50th anniversary of the National Flag of Canada, the Year of Sport in Canada and the Franklin Expedition.

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Van Morrison to headline festival at Lansdowne Park

CITYFOLK

Sheepdogs, The Avett Brothers also on list to play

Trevor Greenway
Metro | Ottawa

Mark Monahan no longer calls the CityFolk festival his baby; it's more like his "Brown Eyed Girl."

The only thing that makes him happier than booking Van Morrison to play his CityFolk festival this fall is the fact that he gets to showcase the classic rock icon in a new, massive venue on the newly renovated lands of Lansdowne Park.

The rebranded festival is moving to the new site in the Glebe and executive director Monahan is pulling out all the stops for CityFolk's inaugural stop at Lansdowne with the likes of Van Morrison, The Avett Brothers, Wilco, Wintersleep, the Sheepdogs and Walk Off the Earth filling out headlining slots for the Sept. 16-to-20 festival.

"With the move to Lansdowne, we wanted to set the bar high this year. We try and make sure we have the right mix and the right headliners," said Monahan.

"We wanted a strong, middle-of-the-road lineup — something not too heavy and pay homage to the folk festival and get people excited."

The lineup, released Monday, will surely get music heads in Ottawa to pull out their Sharpies and start circling calendar dates in September. Along with the headliners, the CityFolk lineup boasts tons of up-and-coming talent with English folk-rock singer-songwriter Passenger, Montreal-based folk quartet The Barr Brothers and Brooklyn indie poppers Lucius.

But of all the great acts lining up for Ottawa's premiere folk festival, Monahan said he can't wait to show Ottawa what a seven-piece soul band from Alabama can bring to the table. "It's the closest a white soul singer can get to James Brown," said Monahan.

"It's that old-style classic soul and R&B."

While the lineup has him hyped, so does the venue, as CityFolk will invade the Great Lawn, Horticulture Building and the Aberdeen Pavilion at Lansdowne this year. But it's more than just the facilities – it's the geographical location.

Being mixed into a commercial and residential area not only makes the festival more accessible, but it also gives Monahan and crew the opportunity to spill it out onto Bank Street, which is exactly what they are doing.

Based on the SXSW model, following the main stage headliners, close to 80 local bands will play in shops and bars along Bank Street for an event called Marvest — an offshoot of CityFolk.

There will be shows throughout the day and night at bike shops, hair salons and other Bank Street businesses in the Glebe — and it's all free.

"The Lansdowne move was a huge shot in the arm for us," said Monahan, adding that all the programming happening at the Aberdeen Pavilion is free.

CityFolk runs Sept. 16 to 20. Festival passes are going on sale for $99 one day only, this Thursday at 10 a.m. Prices will start to climb after that.

CITYFOLK

When: Sept 16-20
Where: Lansdowne (Great Lawn, Aberdeen Pavilion, Horticulture Building)
Who: Van Morrison, Wilco, Wintersleep, The Avett Brothers and many more.
Tickets: Starting at $99 for a festival pass this Thursday at 10 a.m..
Band to see: Mark Monahan recommends seeing St. Paul and the Broken Bones.

Van Morrison will headline this year's CityFolk festival along with The Sheepdogs, Wilco, Wintersleep and others. COURTESY CITYFOLK

INFRASTRUCTURE

Feds funding canal repairs

Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

The federal government is pouring nearly $40 million into the aging Rideau Canal to repair bridges, dams, locks and walls all the way from Ottawa to Kingston.

Nearly $13 million of that funding will be spent on the section of the canal within the city of Ottawa.

The largest single investment will be $7.6 million to repair and replace the crumbling concrete walls in Ottawa's downtown core, between the Ottawa Locks at and Dow's Lake.

Environment Minister Leona Aglukkaq, who is responsible for Parks Canada, announced the funding for the 183-year-old UNESCO World Heritage Site on Monday.

The government says that including two already-announced investments at Black Rapids Lock 13 and Poonamalie Dam, it has announced a total of $46 million in infrastructure funding for the canal in the last five years.

Here are some of the other investments within the city of Ottawa:

Hog's Back Dam and Weir rehabilitation, $1.1 million: The Hogs Back Dam and Weir are where the Rideau Canal leaves the natural path of the Rideau River and enters the man-made canal heading downtown. This project will entail the concrete restoration of both structures.

Hogs Back Fixed Bridge rehabilitation, $3 million: The bridge, which opened in 1977 and offers a view of the Hog's Back Falls, needs concrete repairs and repaving.

Black Rapids Dam, $1.1 million: The Black Rapids Dam is overflow structure on the Rideau River. This project will involve repairs to the concrete structure as well as improvements to the shoreline concrete wall adjoining the dam.

EDUCATION

Field trips could be in jeopardy as teacher action continues

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Teachers across the province, including the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, began intensified strike action Monday, expanding the list of administrative tasks they will refuse to perform.

New on the list is applying for extra grant funding and planning field trips for the 2015-16 school year.

Parents picking children up at Elgin Street Public School on Monday said they hadn't been following the process too closely and were just glad teachers weren't in a walkout.

"I wouldn't say I'm worried about it. Field trips are great, I think they're important, but I'd be more worried about whether the teachers are at school or not," said parent Lucy Castell.

Another parent said her son was worried that the annual field trip for Grade 3 students to MacSkimming Outdoor Education Centre might be cancelled.

Peter Giuliani, president of the Ottawa-Carleton Elementary Teachers' Federation, said the union is still trying to limit the impact on students.

"This is not about targeting the kids," he said.

"It's not about making sure there's no field trips next year, it's about making sure people don't commit to something they later can't follow through on."

"We think it's not terribly unreasonable to say we won't take on additional work," he said, adding that special education grants will not be affected.

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Suspended senator Mike Duffy heads to court in Ottawa on Monday. Duffy faces 31 charges, including fraud, breach of trust and bribery. His trial is expected to last into August as election season begins. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Duffy trial poised to run long

POLITICS

Hearings would overlap with August campaigning

Could the prime minister's former chief staff and several senior Tory senators wind up testifying at Sen. Mike Duffy's trial just as the federal election campaign gets underway?

This scenario is becoming increasingly likely, as the pieces move into place for extra trial dates to be set aside in August to hear Duffy's case.

Whether or not the election writ is officially issued, the parties will be in full campaign mode by that point — the Conservatives have already agreed to a leaders' debate in August.

Last week, a lawyer for former senator Mac Harb agreed to postpone his trial scheduled to begin on Aug. 10, as Duffy's trial requires more time.

"Also we have some interest in some of the issues in the Duffy trial, so we'll see how some of those issues unfold," said Harb defence lawyer Sean May.

That means the Harb fraud and breach of trust trial will likely unfold in the spring of 2016, with more key witnesses appearing at Duffy's trial in the last three weeks of August.

Both Harb and Duffy have been charged with filing improper living expenses connected with their designation of an Ottawa-area home as a secondary residence.

31

The number of charges Sen. Mike Duffy is facing. He is pleading not guilty to all charges.

Duffy has pleaded not guilty to 31 charges in total, including others that relate to his travel and Senate office expense claims.

After a three-week hiatus, the trial resumed Monday with a minor victory for the Duffy team. Justice Charles Vaillancourt ruled that a Senate committee report could be entered into evidence.

The 2010 report of the internal economy committee was based largely on three audits of the Senate's administrative practices, undertaken by the firm Ernst and Young.

It found that there was a lack of clear guidelines and criteria establishing what constitutes official business, as well as what is considered partisan activity, when senators file expenses.

Those conclusions are important for Duffy's defence, which is largely focused on the argument that he was operating within the Senate's confusing and lax rules.

"Oversight is relevant in this trial and counsel for the applicant advances the proposition that the lack of appropriate oversight is a key component to the defence of many of the charges before the court," Vaillancourt wrote. "I recognize this as a valid position."

Justice Charles Vaillancourt THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Crown argued that the report should be considered hearsay, since it was based on the work of an audit firm and not the committee. But Vaillancourt agreed with the defence that the audits were absorbed into the committee's own work.

This ruling could have implications later on in the trial. The auditor general is set to submit to the Senate a report on the spending of all senators some time this week.

From that point, the report, its release to the public and the official response all moves out of the auditor's hands. Bayne can be expected to argue that it, too, is a Senate document and should be entered into evidence at Duffy's trial.

Vaillancourt is also hearing a separate evidence issue that involves another internal Senate audit.

The upper chamber is trying to keep it from being released to the defence, arguing parliamentary privilege or immunity.

That matter will be considered next week.

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SENATE

Feds appeal justice's decision

The federal government isn't giving up on its bid to thwart a court challenge aimed at compelling Prime Minister Stephen Harper to fill Senate vacancies.

It is appealing a ruling last month by Federal Court Justice Sean Harrington, who rejected a government motion to dismiss the case.

The case was launched by Vancouver lawyer Aniz Alani, who is asking the court to declare that Senate vacancies must be filled within a reasonable time.

Harper has not appointed a senator since March 2013 — when the scandal over senators' allegedly improper expenses began to engulf his government.

There are currently 20 vacancies in the 105-seat, unelected upper house.

Alani contends the prolonged vacancies are unconstitutional, leaving provinces under-represented and the Senate less able to carry out its constitutional duty as the chamber of sober second thought.

The government's notice of appeal comes just as it's bracing for more bad news about allegedly improper expense claims. The results of a comprehensive review of senators' expenses by auditor general Michael Ferguson are to be handed over to the Senate this week.

In its notice of appeal, the government says Harrington erred in allowing Alani's application for judicial review of Senate vacancies to proceed. The government maintains it's "plain and obvious" that the matter is not justiciable, is outside the jurisdiction of the Federal Court and has no chance of success.

Harrington has not yet heard arguments or ruled on the substance of Alani's challenge. But in rejecting the government's bid for dismissal last month, he suggested there is an obligation to appoint senators, no matter how distasteful in the midst of scandal.

"From time to time the Senate, or some senators, may be a source of embarrassment to the government, to the House of Commons as a whole and, indeed, to many Canadians," he wrote.

"However, I know of no law which provides that one may not do what one is otherwise obliged to do simply because it would be embarrassing."

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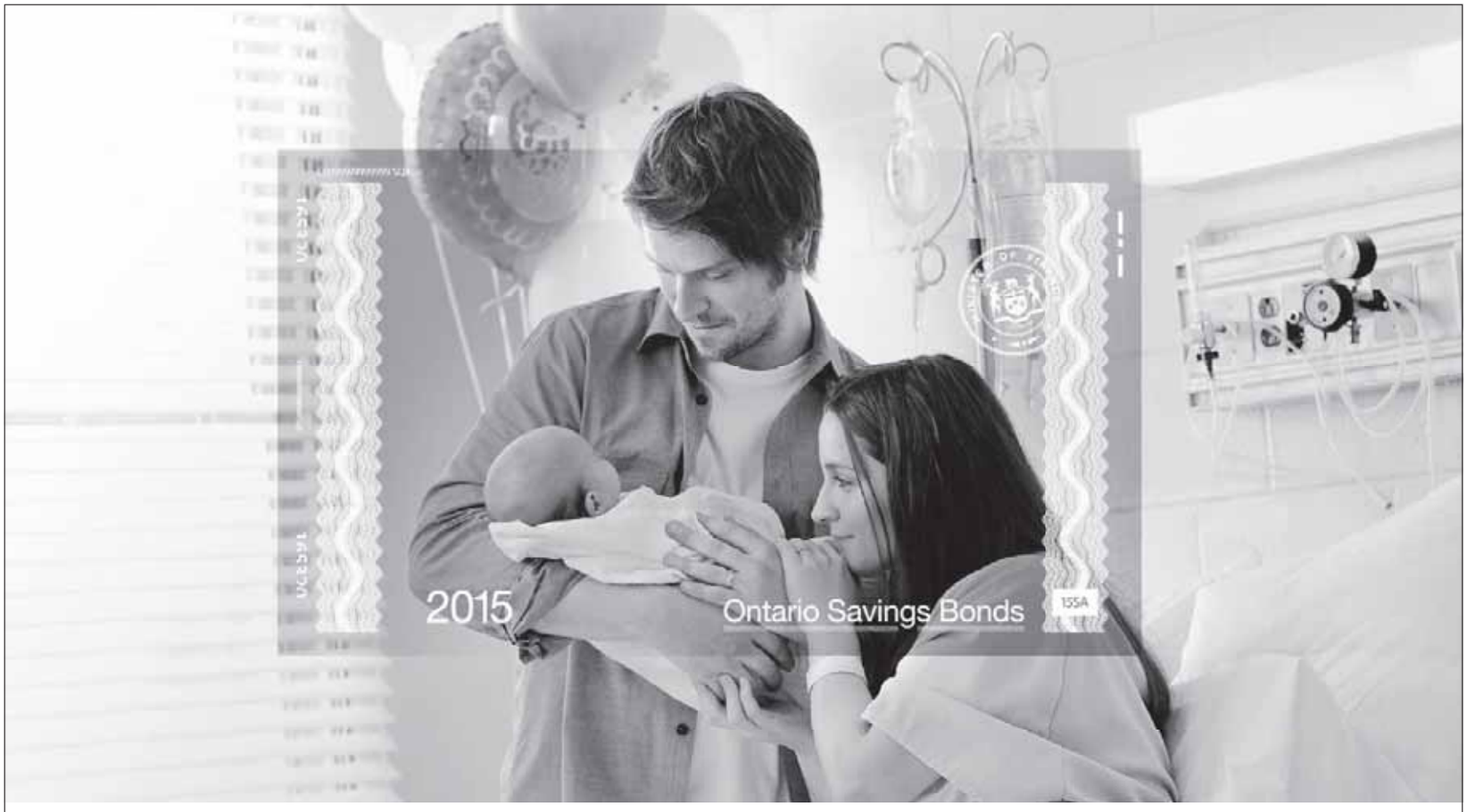

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Moncton haunted by killings

RCMP SHOOTINGS

Trauma felt in neighbourhood one year later

When Nadege Bujold looks out her front window and on to her quiet residential street, she is still sometimes haunted by the memory of a dying RCMP officer slumping to the ground.

Bujold and her husband were on their back patio a year ago, enjoying a sultry June evening when the loud crackle of gunfire sounded out. At first, the pair thought little of it — perhaps a car backfired or kids set off fireworks.

But when neighbours began pouring onto the street, shouting that someone was shooting police, the 37-year-old raced inside and peered out her window. She soon saw a solitary figure walking calmly down the street, looking like "Rambo" and closing in on their home with a large gun.

At the end of a 70-second burst of gunfire, Bujold watched in horror as Const. Douglas Larche fell to the ground. Justin Bourque didn't break stride as he continued his march down Mailhot Avenue and into the woods.

It was 8:07 p.m. last June 4 and Larche had become the last of three Mounties murdered by Bourque in a 20-minute span in Moncton, N.B.

For Bujold, the drama seemed to play out in slow motion and occasionally comes back in unflinching detail.

"That memory stayed there — you know, you can see him just pointing and shooting," she says in a thick French accent.

"I had a hard time those first weeks. We would go outside and try to move on because we have to, but I couldn't even turn my head and look that way.... It's awful. It's hard to move on."

A year after he killed the officers and wounded two others, people in the neighbourhoods Bourque terrorized say they think less often of his carnage — the blood on the streets, the injured and dying men, and cars riddled with bullets.

But for some, those moments stubbornly return as surreal, nightmarish memories.

Millie Stewart was rushing out the door to see her husband in hospital as her sister sat waiting in the driveway. She turned her head slightly and encountered Bourque, who is now 25, as he crossed the street toward her home.

"He just felt so close," she said. "He had the green army garb on and his rifle over his shoulder and he looked right into my eyes and said, 'No, I'm not out to kill civilians, just government officials.'"

> **There's a new level of awareness around the city of Moncton that it can happen anywhere ... It's still very daunting.**
> Moncton resident Millie Stewart

The Ryder Trailer Park, where Justin Bourque lived in Moncton, N.B., is seen on April 22.
ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Still, she remembers feeling he would shoot her in the back as she tried to walk away.

"He didn't even have a frightening-looking face, but the way he was dressed and his guns ... I still thought he was going to kill whoever was in his sight."

She didn't see that Bourque simply walked on, nor did she realize just moments earlier he'd lined up fatal shots at Const. Dave Ross as the officer sped towards him.

She recalls praying that night, calling on her Christian faith to help her find calm as helicopters flew overhead.

Since that day she's had a heightened sense of the fragility of life. "There's a new level of awareness around the city of Moncton that it can happen anywhere," she said. "It's still very daunting."

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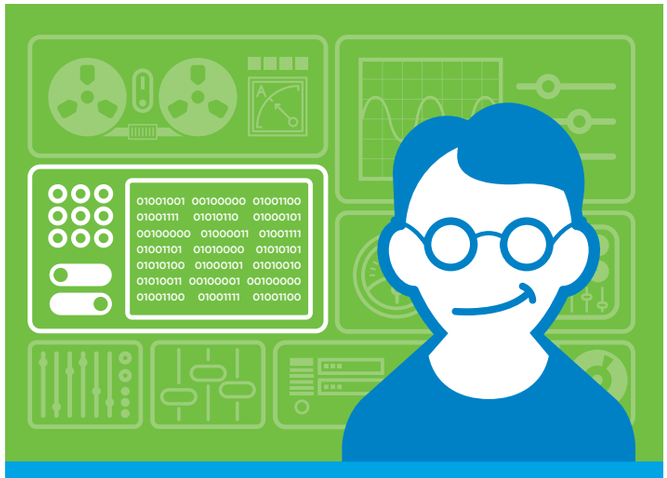

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COURTS

Mountie testifies at chemical stockpile trial of N.S. man

An RCMP officer says she issued an international warning about a Nova Scotia man believed to have a large stockpile of chemicals after she reviewed emails Christopher Phillips wrote that described his "illegal thoughts" and plans for a toxic chemical he referred to as a "billionaire's weapon of terror."

Sgt. Lisa Stuart, testifying on the first day of Phillips' trial, said Monday the accused was considered a threat to public safety after his wife complained to police about his deteriorating mental state and emails he had written to her about his purchase of a poisonous substance known as osmium tetroxide.

The woman's complaint in January prompted a search for Phillips and evacuations in two Halifax-area communities where chemicals were found, including what a police hazardous devices technician described as 750 bottles and other containers.

Phillips was arrested in an Ottawa hotel on Jan. 21 after it was evacuated by police, but Stuart confirmed that he didn't have any chemicals when he was apprehended.

He has pleaded not guilty to threatening police officers and possessing a weapon — osmium tetroxide — for a dangerous purpose.

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POLITICS

Tories to back NDP on ban of pay-to-pay fees by big banks

The Harper government says it will support an NDP motion to abolish banking fees charged to people who receive paper bills.

Finance Minister Joe Oliver says the government is backing the motion to get rid of so-called pay-to-pay fees because people feel they are being nickeled and dimed by the big banks.

Oliver dismisses the suggestion that the Conservatives are following the NDP's lead on the issue, saying the government has already taken steps to lower banking fees.

The government's decision comes after a separate NDP motion to exempt feminine hygiene products from the GST won unanimous approval last week in the House of Commons. The government subsequently introduced legislation to kill the tax.

Last year, the federal government blocked telecommunication and cable companies from charging fees for paper bills, but banks were excluded from the legislation. "Yes, we will support the motion because we understand that Canadians do not want to pay additional fees to the banks," Oliver said Monday.

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> **Canadians do not want to pay additional fees to banks.**
> Finance Minister Joe Oliver

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DETAILS

Five things to know about the Truth and Reconciliation Commission

The Truth and Reconciliation Commons examining Canada's now-defunct residential school system is scheduled to release its final report Tuesday. Here are five things to know about the commission:

1. The commission was established as part of the 2007 Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement, which also included money to pay for the commission's work.
2. The commission is led by Justice Murray Sinclair, Manitoba's first aboriginal justice. The other commissioners are Marie Wilson, a journalist, university lecturer and former senior manager at several Crown corporations; and Chief Wilton Littlechild, a lawyer and former Progressive Conservative MP.
3. The group is charged with collecting testimony from residential school survivors and compiling their stories into a comprehensive historical record of the schools aimed at educating all Canadians about the residential schools and their legacy.
4. The records of the commission, including recollections from 6,200 former students, many of whom spoke on video, with be kept and managed by the National Research Centre on Indian Residential Schools at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg.
5. Residential schools operated for about 150 years, with an estimated 150,000 children spending time in them. At the height of the residential-school era, the government supported 130 such schools. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Drummers pass Parliament Hill as they lead the Walk for Reconciliation, part of the closing events of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Sunday in Ottawa. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Let's commit to taking one more step together'

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

After report's release, many say more work still necessary

"We are all still here. We made it." For Romeo Saganash, that's the sentiment shared on the occasions when he gets together with fellow residential school survivors.

It's a sentiment acknowledging the suffering endured by tens of thousands of aboriginal children, a suffering many Canadians don't even know existed. The country takes another step Tuesday toward confronting that dark chapter of its past when the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, headed by Justice Murray Sinclair, releases its findings.

For five years, the commission has been compiling the story of residential schools, where thousands of aboriginal children were sent, stripped of contact with their families, in many cases denied a proper education and sometimes subjected to physical and sexual abuse.

At least 150,000 First Nation, Métis and Inuit youth went through residential schools. An unknown number — estimated to be in the thousands — died while attending the schools.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt hailed the "extraordinary courage" of former students who came forward. He said the historical record compiled by the commission will stand as an "achievement of national significance." Yet he cautioned that work remains to be done.

"On this day, let's commit to taking one more step together," he said. Assembly of First Nations National Chief Perry Bellegarde called on governments — as well as all Canadians — to close the gap between aboriginal and non-aboriginal peoples.

"It's going to be hard to focus on reconciliation when we still have things like poverty that plagues our people," Bellegarde said, highlighting lack of access to safe drinking water, overcrowded housing, the high number of children in provincial care, missing and murdered indigenous women and girls as among the ongoing challenges. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

VETERANS

Lawsuit on hold until after election

A long-running lawsuit, launched by veterans against the federal government, is off the docket until after the federal election, if not for good.

The two sides were in a Vancouver court Monday to agree to hit pause on the case until May 2016 and assess the impact of the government's recent reforms to benefits for veterans.

Should the changes be to the satisfaction of the veterans who launched the suit in 2012, the case will be over, said the veterans' lawyer Don Sorochan.

A group of veterans had filed the class-action lawsuit to argue that modern-day soldiers were being discriminated against compared with those who fought in the world wars and in Korea.

In their defence, government lawyers outraged veterans by asserting that the federal government has no extraordinary obligation to those who have fought for the country.

Since then, a raft of new measures have been introduced, including new pain and suffering awards, expanded access to permanent impairment allowances for the most several disabled veterans and retirement income security benefits.

The government has also introduced a bill that recognizes the so-called "sacred obligation" to veterans. That legislation was originally introduced on its own but has since been bundled into the omnibus budget bill.

Sorochan said with the new legislation and regulations already on the table, they are willing to give the government until May 2016 to see if the situation improves, taking into account there could be a new government entirely after the planned October vote.

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BUSINESS

New law coming to compel vehicle recalls

Car manufacturers can't be trusted to recall vehicles voluntarily when they pose a safety concern, so the federal government is giving itself the power to force their hands, says Canada's transport minister.

Lisa Raitt said the government plans to introduce legislation that would, if passed, also give the government power to impose limitless fines on companies that don't comply with a recall order.

"Leaving this decision-making capability entirely to manufacturers and importers alone does not serve the best interest of the public," Raitt said Monday outside the House of Commons.

The law would also give the government the power to make car importers or vehicle manufacturers pay for repairs to recalled cars, and fix new model vehicles before they are sold in Canada.

The announcement comes on the heels of a major recall of 1.5 million cars in Canada over safety concerns from malfunctioning airbags.

About 53 million vehicles around the world have been recalled amid safety concerns posed by Takata airbag inflators. The airbags can inflate too fast, sending sharp metal pieces at anyone in the vehicle.

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An unidentified Chinese tourist, wearing a mask to protect herself against the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome virus, visits Gyeongbok Palace in Seoul, South Korea, Monday. Authorities say more than 680 people in South Korea have been placed in isolation after being in contact with those infected with a virus that has killed hundreds of people in the Middle East.

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Virus hits South Korea

RESPIRATORY SYNDROME

Hundreds in isolation

More than 680 people in South Korea are isolated after having contact with patients infected with a virus that has killed hundreds of people in the Middle East, health officials said Monday.

South Korea has reported 17 cases of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome since diagnosing the country's first MERS illness last month in a man who had travelled to Saudi Arabia. South Korea's cases have connections to the first patient, either medical staff who treated him or patients who stayed near the man at the hospital before he was diagnosed and isolated.

Also, the son of one of the patients ignored doctor's orders to cancel a trip to China, where he was diagnosed as that country's first MERS case last week. China isolated the South Korean man at a hospital, and Hong Kong authorities said Sunday that 18 travellers were being quarantined because they sat near him, but they were not showing symptoms.

South Korean Health Ministry official Kwon Jun-wook told reporters Monday that 682 people who had close contact with the patients, such as their family members and their medical staff, were isolated at their homes or state-run facilities to prevent the spread of the disease.

Ministry officials said the number could rise.

MERS was discovered in 2012 and has mostly been centred in Saudi Arabia. It belongs to the family of coronaviruses that includes the common cold and SARS, and can cause fever, breathing problems, pneumonia and kidney failure. The virus has spread primarily through contact with camels, but it can also spread from human fluids and droplets.

There have been 1,167 cases of the virus worldwide and 479 of the patients have died, according to the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRAN TALKS

Kerry heads home for leg surgery

Secretary of State John Kerry headed home Monday to Boston from Geneva, Switzerland, for surgery on his broken leg, as U.S. officials insisted that his injury would not hinder his participation in nuclear negotiations with Iran.

With an end-of-June deadline for an Iranian deal fast approaching, the 71-year-old Kerry left Geneva aboard a U.S. military plane accompanied by his orthopedic surgeon Dennis Burke and additional medical personnel. Officials said Burke is expected in the coming days to perform surgery on Kerry's right femur, which Kerry fractured on Sunday in a bicycle accident when he struck a curb and fell on a regular Tour de France route in France located southeast of the Swiss city.

Look fwd to getting leg set & getting back to @ StateDept!

John Kerry on Twitter

He had been receiving treatment at Geneva's main medical centre, HUG, and is to receive further care at Massachusetts General Hospital once he returns home. Kerry, an avid cyclist, had hip replacement surgery several years ago.

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FIFA SCANDAL

Mbeki denies bribe paid for World Cup

Former South African President Thabo Mbeki denied his government paid bribes to secure the 2010 World Cup as the bid scandal began to encroach on the very top of the country's leadership on Monday.

"I wish to state that the government that I had the privilege to lead would never have paid any bribe even if it were solicited," Mbeki said in a statement from his office.

Mbeki was president at the time of South Africa's successful bid in 2004.

His denial came as South African soccer head and former 2010 bid leader Danny Jordaan reportedly told a newspaper that $10 million was paid to former FIFA vice-president Jack Warner's regional confederation in 2008.

According to the Sunday Independent newspaper, Jordaan denied that money — referred to in the U.S. Department of Justice's indictment into corruption in FIFA — was a bribe from South Africa via FIFA for Warner's backing.

Instead, Jordaan said it was to help Warner — implicated in a series of corruption allegations in the DOJ investigation into FIFA — with soccer development in his region, the newspaper reported.

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PROPAGANDA

Group using American-style production to attract recruits

The announcer with an American accent offers an upbeat roundup of the day's main headlines: Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) fighters seized control of a crucial Syrian city, extremists repelled Kurdish fighters despite coalition airstrikes, and two suicide bombers successfully carried out their missions.

The tone is National Public Radio in the United States. But this is Al-Bayan, the Islamic State radio targeting European recruits — touting recent triumphs in the campaign to carve out a caliphate — and it represents a major headache for Western powers trying to curtail the ISIL influence.

All news is good news for Al-Bayan's "soldiers of the caliphate." In this narrative, the enemy always flees in disgrace or is killed. The broadcasts end with a swell of music and a gentle English message: "We thank our listeners for tuning in."

The tension between the smooth, Western-style production and the extremist content shows how far the hardcore Islamic propaganda machine has come since 2012, when an aging Frenchman, Gilles Le Guen, posed in front of a jihadi flag and threatened France in the name of al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb. The footage was grainy, with minimal production value, and released on a relatively obscure website. By contrast, Al-Bayan reaches thousands of listeners every day via links shared on social networks, helping to swell the ranks of Westerners — projected this year to reach up to 10,000 — fighting for ISIL in Syria and Iraq. Since then, European successors in violent jihad have overturned the recruitment script in ways that might impress a New York PR agency.

Islamic State videos come with thrumming beats, handsome clear-eyed young men and editing techniques that call to mind tourism commercials. A typical week of recruitment now includes multiple newscasts in three languages, except the "good news" is about suicide attacks instead of traffic reports and baseball scores. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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IRAQ

ISIL suicide bombers target police station, dozens killed

Three Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) suicide bombers targeted a police base in Iraq's western Anbar province with explosives-laden Humvees on Monday, killing at least 41 police and Shiite militiamen, officials said.

The attack on a police station in the Tharthar area north of the ISIL-held provincial capital, Ramadi, caused a large secondary explosion in an ammunition depot, the officials said. Another 63 security forces members were wounded in the attack. Hospital officials confirmed the casualties. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to brief the media.

Monday's attack resembled the massive, co-ordinated assault launched on Ramadi last month that allowed ISIL militants to capture the city, marking their biggest gain since a U.S.-led coalition began launching airstrikes against the extremist group last August. In that assault, ISIL also used Humvees looted from Iraqi security forces.

The loss of Ramadi prompted Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi to order Shiite militiamen into the vast Sunni province, which was an insurgent hotbed during the eight-year U.S. military presence.

The United Nations mission to Iraq said Monday that more than 1,031 people were killed and another 1,648 were wounded in violence across the country last month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Google sets up simpler privacy control hub

Google is making its privacy controls easier to find and understand in an attempt to make its more than one billion users more comfortable about the personal information they provide. The simpler approach that debuted Monday features a redesigned "My Account" hub where all of Google's key privacy controls can be found. A new site at http://privacy.google.com will address a variety of issues in a question-and-answer format. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New CEO says Malaysia Airlines will recover

Malaysia Airlines' new CEO Christoph Mueller said the "technically bankrupt" carrier could break even by 2018 once it cuts 6,000 of its 20,000 staff, sells two of its A380 super jumbo jets and refurbishes its international fleet. The remaining 14,000 employees have been offered jobs in a new company that is being set up to take over the legacy Malaysia Airlines business. The airline is being kept alive by an injection of funds from a Malaysian government sovereign wealth fund after double disasters in 2014 dealt a fatal blow to its already struggling business. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KFC sues Chinese firms over harmful rumours

KFC said Monday it filed a lawsuit against three companies in China whose social media accounts spread false claims about its food. KFC said one of the best-known fake rumours was that chickens used by the company are genetically modified and have six wings and eight legs. KFC is demanding 1.5 million yuan ($242,000 US) and an apology from each of three companies that operated accounts on the mobile phone app WeChat. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Virtual reality getting real

TECHNOLOGY

Mainstream firms bringing VR to home video products

California Institute of the Arts students lie on the floor while watching a student project at the Vortex Dome in Los Angeles. JAE C. HONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **We're just in the beginning stages of understanding.**
> Prof. Hillary Kapan

Virtual reality is creeping into our world.

Once seen as a tool for alien-blasting gamers, movie studios, television producers and artists are now adopting the technology, which immerses people in faraway realms using bulky goggles, house-sized domes, and smartphones.

Universal's Focus Features recently launched its first virtual-reality experience for movies, promoting the upcoming release of its Insidious: Chapter 3 horror flick. It's driving a truck around the United States, inviting fans to wear virtual-reality goggles. It's also sent out thousands of movie-branded Google Cardboard kits, which fold around smartphones to turn them into primitive VR viewers.

VR remains the realm of promotion. But content created now or for future films could also build value for home video products as more VR headsets are sold, says Matt Lipson, senior vice-president of digital marketing at Focus Features.

And the number of outlets for virtual reality is increasing.

Oculus VR, the company Facebook bought for $2 billion US and a leader in the VR headset market, is expected to start shipping a consumer version early next year. Samsung, meanwhile, is selling Gear VR, which works with Galaxy S6 smartphones. Sony will release a consumer version of its Project Morpheus, which connects to its PlayStation 4, in the first half of next year.

Facebook is testing what CEO Mark Zuckerberg calls "spherical video," or a flat representation of immersive content that could be navigable by mouse on its website. Google's YouTube launched support for "360-degree video" on Chrome browsers and Android phones in March and is providing VR camera rigs for its partners at its six studios. Fold-up Google Cardboard units can be bought online for as little as $2.46.

One virtual frontier to cross is creating environments for groups, not just individuals, in the same way that theatres provide a community experience. That possibility was tested out recently when eight art school students gathered under a dome in downtown Los Angeles. They were preparing an immersive show projected on a 19-foot-high hemisphere.

It's all part of creating a new cinematic language that doesn't just play out on the screen in front of you, but is interactive and immersive, said Prof. Hillary Kapan, who put on the class for the California Institute of the Arts. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

QUEBEC

Tobacco firms told to pay smokers $15B

A judge has awarded more than $15 billion to Quebec smokers in a landmark case that pitted them against three Canadian cigarette giants, an anti-tobacco lobby group said Monday.

Superior Court Justice Brian Riordan's decision was made public late Monday following years of testimony and another six months of deliberations, the Quebec Council on Tobacco and Health said in a statement.

The case marked the first time tobacco companies have gone to trial in a civil suit in this country and involved two separate groups of plaintiffs: some who became seriously ill from smoking and others who said they couldn't quit.

The plaintiffs included just over one million Quebecers who argued the companies were liable because they knew they were putting out a harmful product and hid the health effects of tobacco.

The $17.8-billion lawsuit was believed to be the biggest class-action ever seen in Canada.

Two of the big tobacco firms — JTI-Macdonald and Imperial Tobacco — reacted immediately and said they'll appeal the decision. The third is Rothmans, Benson & Hedges.

The industry argued people knew about the risks of smoking and that the products were sold legally and with federal government approval and strict regulation. JTI-Macdonald said Canadians have been well aware of the health risks since the 1950s and health warnings have been on packages for more than 40 years.

"We believe there are strong grounds for appeal and we will continue to defend our rights," said Tamara Gitto, vice-president law and general counsel for Imperial Tobacco. THE CANADIAN PRESS

BACKGROUND

Trial stems from 2 cases originally filed in 1998

Cecilia Letourneau filed on behalf of the province's smokers, who were addicted to nicotine and remained addicted or who died without quitting.

The other case was filed by the late Jean-Yves Blais; it sought compensatory and punitive damages for smokers who had suffered from cancer in their lungs, larynx or throat, or emphysema.

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Is the grant the United Kingdom pays yearly to the Royal Family. It's 15 per cent of the profits from the Crown Estate (government coffers keep the rest), but by law it never decreases. In fact, it's grown 29 per cent since 2012, sparking outrage and a review slotted for next spring. Canadians each pay $1.63 per year (up from 74 cents in 1999) for Crown expenses such as the Governor General and royal visits. Of course, the royals deliver a kingly sum to the U.K. economy each year in tourism and trade — £7 billion by one recent estimate. THE INDEPENDENT

Inside cyclists' backlash against 'Stay Back' signs

YOUR RIDE

Kathryn Hunt

On May 28, the Share the Road Cycling Coalition launched its "Stay Safe, Stay Back" campaign. The campaign's most noticeable feature is its green signs, reading "Stay Safe, Stay Back. Past this point I can't see you." They are attached to the backs of large trucks and are intended to warn cyclists to stay behind the truck and not move up beside it at intersections.

The blind spot of a big truck is enormous (in some cases, an entire car could fit in it), and a very dangerous place for a cyclist to be. It makes sense to stay well back of a right-turning truck. So why are some cyclists objecting to the campaign?

While Stay Safe Stay Back's website does stress safety education for both truckers and cyclists, some cyclists feel the message is predominantly directed at them, absolving drivers of the responsibility to check their blind spots and avoid overtaking and cutting bikers off.

Last summer, in London, U.K., a similar campaign, with stickers reading "cyclists stay back," was eventually scrapped, in part because the stickers gave the impression that cyclists are never allowed to overtake other vehicles (they are), and in part because the signs started showing up on cars and vans of people who simply didn't want cyclists around them at all.

One cyclist I talked to said the focus should be on enforcing safer practices for truckers.

"Shoulder checks will do nothing against a truck that has overtaken me and is turning right ... Staying back makes great sense when you start out behind the truck. When you started out in front? Where is my bike's 'Stay Back' sticker?" she said, adding that all three times she's been hit on her bike, it was by someone overtaking her, not the other way around.

Others took to Twitter to suggest enforcing mandatory side guards covering the hazardous gap between wheels, rear view cameras for trucks, or keeping heavy trucks out of the city core entirely.

"I don't find sharing the road with heavy trucks very bike-friendly. Especially with my son on the bike," said one.

But not everyone feels that way. Heather Shearer, of Citizens for Safe Cycling, told me, "Even our quietest streets have large vehicles — garbage truck, moving van, school bus. They also have kids and teens riding. A well-placed sticker could be a vital reminder to someone who needs it. And this is just one piece of a multifaceted approach to safety."

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metroview

Down with singleism: One-person families are the new normal

Tim Querengesser
Metro | Edmonton

Thanks to singleism, is it any wonder I've become an amateur therapist?

After all, I'm recently single and dating. And by that stroke, at 37, I'm again part of the singleton trend: the expanding army of those who, by choice, divorce, mental health challenge, bereavement or other circumstance, walk in the door at night and greet (as in my case) a cat, or a dog, a television, an iPad — whatever it may be — as long as it's not another human.

This is not just a trend. Hipster beards are a trend. The singleton is a full-scale shift to a new normal. And therein is the problem: part of the rise of the singleton is the rise of singleism, a pervasive form of discrimination that is finally visible to many. But it isn't new. I've been living with singleism my entire life.

The U.S. is home to 90 million unmarried people and 150 million who live in one-person households. Most singletons are under-35 millennials or seniors who have lost a spouse.

Which brings me back to amateur therapy. It's unsurprising that dating similarly aged single women includes a lot of counselling. Many have tried to satisfy societal expectations: long-term relationships, kids, marriages, only for it all to shatter. While objectively happier single, subjectively they feel ashamed.

Here's why I'm not surprised: living alone is easy. Being told by society you're wrong, weird or missing out? Less so.

Author Bella DePaulo coined "singleism" a few years back. It's pervasive in tax policy, coffee-shop conversation, popular culture and deeply held beliefs. Consider what you would think if you encountered a never-married 37-year-old man. Selfish? Childish? Immature? Incomplete? Lonely? That's singleism, folks.

Don't worry, I'm used to it all. I've been single a lot in my 30s, and I'm an only child, too, the other kind of singleton that gets you labelled a weirdo.

To cope, I challenge singleism in a playful way. To friends having their first child, I ask if they'll stop at one. Despite their being busy, broke or unhappy, their answer is always no — "They need a playmate." Funny, I tell them, since only children, like adult singletons, are becoming the norm.

Also funny is while this happens, a 2015 Pew study shows Americans' "ideal family" size has shrunk: 48 per cent of respondents said two children is ideal. But get this: while only children are everywhere, only three per cent of respondents said one child was ideal — just larger than the two per cent who said no children at all.

I see this as proof social expectations and beliefs lag a generation behind social realities. Singletons are the reality. Singleism is the next discrimination that needs to go.

Rosemary Westwood will return Wednesday.

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Inside the EDM scene

MUSIC

Mutek brings best of techno to Montreal

Jesse Ship
For Metro Life

Californian transgender techno artist Rrose sits in a skin-tone bodysuit in a box while passers-by gawk in Montreal's cosmopolitan Place Des Arts.

Just inside, Japanese multidisciplinary artist and choreography Hiroaki Umeida dances wildly on stage in front of a pixelated snowstorm as part of his Holistic Strata performance.

The act is moving and surreal: The eye is drawn into the chaotic display as his body is jolted with electric stabs of a DSL modem gone haywire.

Welcome to a snapshot of the Mutek festivities, a five-day celebration of electronic music discovery and audio-visual art installations, which just wrapped its 16th year on Sunday.

While EDM has become the hottest genre in the last few years and has only begun to crack the mainstream, Mutek has been exploring the business of techno music for more than a decade.

Techno acts like Berlin's Lucy and abstract visuals of Robin Fox and Atom™ stole last Thursday night's shows using a combination of drones, synths and moving tones to induce personal catharsis.

Friday night at the Metropolis is dominated by thundering mechanical techno with live performances from Berlin's Berghain super-club resident, Steffi.

"It's rare that something is curated this way," said John Tejada, L.A.-based 20-year veteran techno DJ, producer and what you call a seasoned "gear head" in music production circles.

"Mostly at festivals you get a field or sandy areas and different stages. There's not many even in Europe where things are so overhyped and you have a mixture of different venues."

Mutek is an unofficial kick-off to Montreal's festival season, attracting electronic music pilgrims from as far as Europe and the U.S. The on-vacation attitude dominates as fans dress to feel as comfortable and colourful as they wish.

Mutek is very much an urban festival in that attendees travel between well-kept venues like the Metropolis, a converted movie theatre turned music venue or the two story Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal (MAC).

The neighbouring Théatre Maisonneuve in the Place Des Arts was also integral part of this year's Mutek.

Avant-garde composer Tyondai Brazton, who collaborates with Philip Glass, unveiled his HIVE1 performance there early Saturday evening as part of the A/VISIONS series.

"The mixture of venues makes it really interesting. You're not bouncing around stages — you have big variety and a unique look to every venue," said DJ Tejada, who often feels the grind of the jet-set life as a touring performer.

"You're not waiting an hour for a port-a-potty or drink tickets. It's civilized. I feel like I'm on vacation."

If you don't recognizing any of the names of the artists, that's OK.

Music discovery is a part of the Mutek mission said Montreal's Juno-nominated Poirier who has performed a handful of times since 2002 under his name as well as his other project, Boundary.

"Even for me, there's always stuff I don't know," he said. "My friend was complaining that there were no big names he recognized, but I told him, 'This isn't about names, this is about discovering new music.'

"People trust the festival, they are excited and understand the privilege to be able to see new acts, or ones they've never heard of."

A Mutek show at the Musée d'art contemporain. RUNG DUNG NGUYEN/MUTEK

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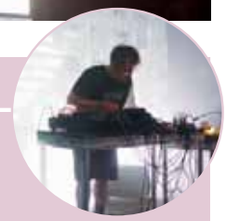

One to watch: Patricia (pictured)

Chicago's Max Ravitz's current incarnation has seen his name rise, thanks in part to his debut EP Body Issues.

The Local: Poirier aka Boundary

Poirier is a product of Montreal, and his fascination with Caribbean and African music has seeped into his experimental reggae and dance-hall interpretations.

Global Superstar: Kode9

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Our social network anxieties

FRIENDSHIP

Building a new circle of friends takes time and focus

URBAN ETIQUETTE

Ellen Vanstone

After moving to a new town, it's important to evaluate potential friendships before jumping into them. ISTOCK IMAGES

Dear Ellen,
I just moved to town and I am attending a new school. I am finding it difficult to make new friends as it is late in the year and everyone has already established their friend groups. How should I go about finding people to hang out with? – Abbey

Dear Abbey,
I feel for you — you're in a tough situation that may not have a quick fix. The good news is that you're blessed with an understanding of human behaviour, which augurs well for great friendships to come. You can see there are tons of potential friends right in front of you — but that even nice people are creatures of habit. They find their groove and settle into it, and it might take time to work your way into their established social scene.

In the meantime, make the situation work for you. As an outsider, you have a unique opportunity to observe the groups and friendships around you. Take this time to figure out who the quality people are and which of them measures up to your level of insight and intelligence. You can also use this time to figure out what *you* are truly interested in — pursue your interests with a passion and you'll inevitably connect with like-minded souls.

Good luck, and let us know what happens!

To Lisa, who wrote in to say it's difficult to make introductions when you forget the other person's name:

Excellent point. I still cringe at the times I've gotten some people's names totally wrong. If you can't remember the other person's name, simply cut the conversation short and move on without making any introductions. Alternatively, train your friends to jump in and do it for you — i.e., if you're with one friend and you run into a new person, nudge your friend to introduce themselves as well as ask the new person: "And what's your name?" If all else fails, you can always resort to honesty: "Hey, sorry, I'm having a brain freeze — what's your name again?"

To Lada, who wrote in to ask if you should introduce friends or family passing by in the background while you're on a Skype call:

If your onscreen friend can see other people lurking behind you, and if those people are listening in or distracting either one of you, then yes, it's more polite to introduce them. Even if the background friends/family/roommates are obnoxious busybodies, it's still nicer for your Skype friend to know who they are so that he or she can now ignore them personally.

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Preemptive action

OPINION

Controversial rapper banned over lyrics

SOUND CHECK

Alan Cross

Because I was travelling, I missed the debate on whether rapper Action Bronson should perform a free public show during NXNE in Toronto.

By the time I got home, it was settled: a petition against Branson's violent and misogynist lyrics had scuttled the gig.

This whole thing left me unsettled and confused. While I understand all the objections to the things Branson raps about, I was also annoyed at the censorship side of it all. Is this an example of mob rule? Or did the public rise up and demand that decency be protected in a public space?

So I did what I always do when I wander into the weeds in these sorts of debates: I asked my wife. I can always trust her to tell me when I'm being an idiot — and because her second favourite f-word is "feminist."

"Should Action Bronson be allowed to perform at NXNE?" I ask.

She shrugged. "Sure. Why not?"

"But his lyrics!" I sputtered. "They're vile and awful. They just feed into the misogyny women have to deal with every day and the notion of rape culture. Shouldn't there be a line drawn somewhere?"

"People are missing the point," she said. "The real issue here is the venue. Yonge-Dundas Square, a publicly funded space that has specific policies in place and has a right to exercise them. This isn't a pure free speech issue. We'd probably have the same conversation if Eminem, Marilyn Manson or any other controversial performer were booked into the square.

"But if Action Bronson were being banned from performing anywhere at NXNE, THAT would be a problem. But if he's got a gig inside a private venue that has its own policies and standards — well, fill yer boots. And if someone hears something they consider hate speech, they're free to make a complaint."

She continued. "Here's the problem. AB was banned because of something he might have performed — even though he hasn't performed the material at the heart of this controversy on this tour. It was a pre-emptive strike against someone many people hate."

"Now consider this. If you can shut down Action Bronson for the things he might say about women, couldn't you shout down a theoretical YDS performance by Amy Schumer for any offensive things she might say about men?"

Wise woman, my wife.

GOSSIP BRIEFS

What's in a Kimye baby name?

Kim Kardashian and Kanye West are having another baby, and it's only partially to boost ratings for Keeping up with the Kardashians. Now, of course, comes the tough part: predicting the baby's name. Obviously the smart money is on South (if it's a boy) or Mid (if it's a girl), but I thought I'd offer up some alternative ideas for what to dub Baby No. 2 by firing up the old Random Baby Name Generator one more time:

- East Meets
- Kim Jr.
- Selfie
- The Other North
- Hillary Rodham
- Baby™

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Kim and her daughter North West. GETTY IMAGES

Mad Max Barbie doll hits eBay

There's enough time before the holiday shopping season for Mattel to seize on this idea, but if you want a Barbie doll version of Imperator Furiosa — Charlize Theron's badass Mad Max: Fury Road character — there's only one place to go: eBay. There's only one doll in existence — currently being auctioned off by the artist who crafted it — and oh man, is it a cool-looking toy! So, as they say, how much would you pay? Bidding closes Friday, so think fast. NED EHRBAR/METRO

A hand-crafted doll version of Imperator Furiosa. GETTY IMAGES

Bruce Jenner debuts new identity as Caitlyn

COMING OUT

Jenner unveils new identity on July cover of Vanity Fair

Bruce Jenner's transition is complete.

"Call me Caitlyn," declares a headline on the July cover of Vanity Fair, with a photo of a long-haired Jenner in a strapless corset, legs crossed, sitting on a stool. The image was shot by famed celeb photographer Annie Leibovitz. Inside, more images depict Caitlyn in gold lame, a black bustier and a cleavage-baring, off-the-shoulder gown.

> **Caitlyn doesn't have any secrets ... I'm free.**
> Bruce Jenner

Caitlyn Jenner also debuted a new Twitter account with: "I'm so happy after such a long struggle to be living my true self. Welcome to the world Caitlyn. Can't wait for you to get to know her/me." In about three hours, the account had more than 860,000 followers.

According to the magazine, which took to Twitter with the cover Monday, Jenner spoke emotionally about her gender journey: "If I was lying on my deathbed and I had kept this secret and never ever did anything about it, I would be lying there saying, 'You just blew your entire life."'

The cover photo was shot at Jenner's Malibu, California, home and comes on the heels of her two-hour ABC interview with Diane Sawyer in which Bruce Jenner confirmed the transition. The much-anticipated 20/20 interview on April 24 was watched by more than 17.1 million viewers.

Prior to the unveiling of Caitlyn, Jenner had said he preferred the pronoun "he," but Vanity Fair contributing editor Buzz Bissinger, who wrote the story, refers to "she."

The Olympian who married and divorced reality show "momager" Kris Jenner has appeared for years on Keeping Up with the Kardashians.

Jenner's own still-untitled docu-series chronicling her transition is scheduled for the same network, E!, beginning July 26.

"Caitlyn doesn't have any secrets," Jenner narrates. "As soon as the Vanity Fair cover comes out, I'm free."

Bissinger, the Friday Night Lights Pulitzer Prize winner, said in the lengthy magazine story that he had unfettered access to Jenner, both before her transition and after.

His approach to Jenner's life is exhaustive, based on interviews with several of her biological children, her mother, her former wives and others.

The story describes Jenner's painful recovery from "facial-feminization" surgery in March, a grueling 10-hour procedure that had her briefly second-guessing her decision during a panic attack eased in part with the help of a Los Angeles Gender Center counsellor who made a house call.

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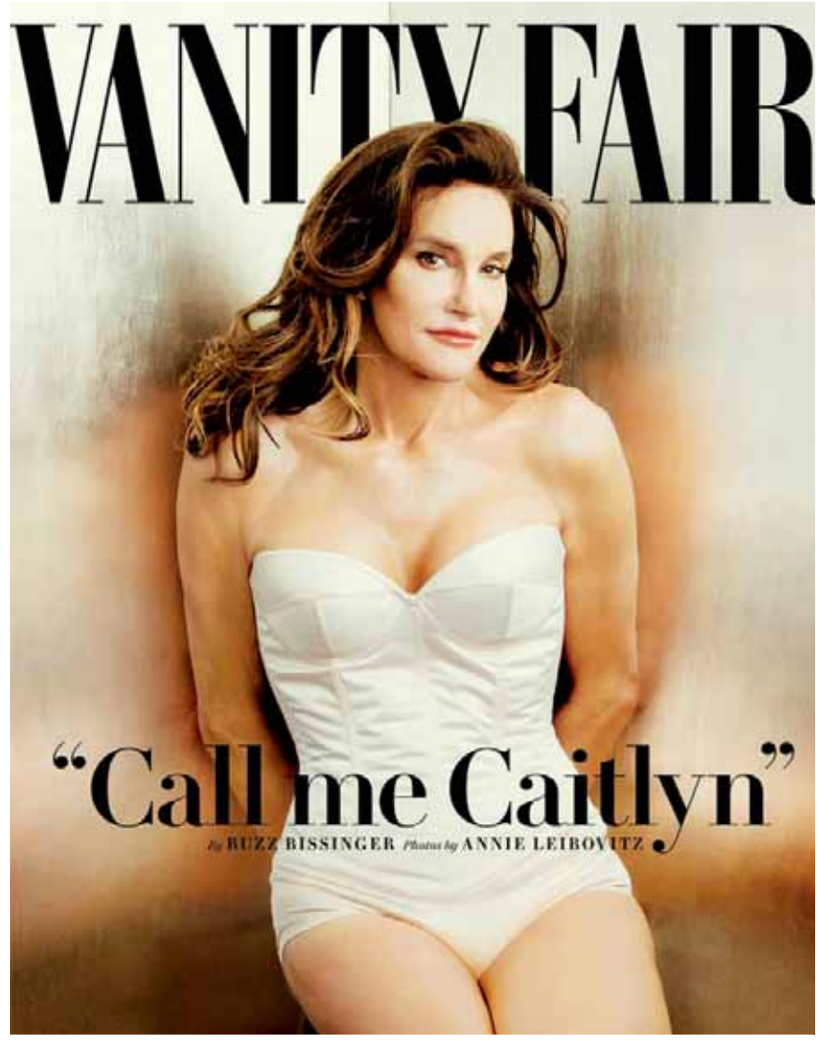

Bruce Jenner, sporting long hair and a strapless swimsuit, poses for the cover of Vanity Fair's July 2015 issue.

PUBLISHING

Fifty shades of passé

Assuming you're not completely sick of all things Fifty Shades of Grey-related just yet, author E.L. James is eager to keep trying. James announced that she's releasing a new version of the Twilight-inspired bestseller later this month that retells the story from Christian Grey's point of view. So, American Psycho — but with less murder.

"Christian is a complex character," James says in a statement. "And readers have always been fascinated by his desires and motivations and his troubled past. Also, as anyone who has ever been in a relationship knows, there are two sides to every story."

We really should have seen this coming, honestly, since Stephenie Meyer did it with Twilight — retelling the story from Edward Cullen's perspective in Midnight Sun. I can't wait to not read it.

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IN BRIEF

Zuccarello speaks on his four days as a mute

New York Rangers forward Mats Zuccarello could not speak for four days after being hit in the head by a shot in the opening round of the NHL playoffs and sustaining a small skull fracture and some bleeding.

Three days after the Rangers lost Game 7 of the Eastern Conference final to the Tampa Bay Lightning, Zuccarello discussed his injury for the first time on Monday.

"I couldn't talk for a while, had a contusion, some blood in my brain. That affects a lot. Now I go to speech therapy. I'm getting much better. I couldn't say a word for four days. I feel much better," Zuccarello said.

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Glen Abbey pegged for 2016 Canadian Open too

Scott Simmons, the chief executive officer of Golf Canada, announced Monday that the PGA Tour's RBC Canadian Open will be held at Glen Abbey in Oakville, Ont., for a second consecutive year in 2016. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rising Canadian Wiggins to play Raptors at CTC

The Toronto Raptors will get an early look at Canadian star Andrew Wiggins before the upcoming NBA season.

Wiggins and the Minnesota Timberwolves play twice in the four-game preseason series, including a meeting with the Raptors at Canadian Tire Centre on Oct. 14.

The Timberwolves will also face the Chicago Bulls at the MTS Centre in Winnipeg on Oct. 10.

The other games have Toronto facing the Los Angeles Clippers in Vancouver on Oct. 4 and the Raptors playing Washington Oct. 23 in Montreal.

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NBA rookie of the year Andrew Wiggins GETTY IMAGES

Women's soccer world is only getting bigger

WORLD CUP

Canada Soccer goes from green rookies to hosts in 20 years

Saturday's World Cup will bring back memories for Sylvie Beliveau.

It marks 20 years to the day that Canada, coached by Beliveau, made its World Cup debut in a 3-2 loss to England. Goals by Helen Stoumbos in the 87th minute and Geri Donnelly in the 91st made for a wild ending at the Olympia Stadium in Helsingborg, Sweden.

Times have changed at the women's showcase tournament. The World Cup is bigger, better and far more high-profile. The Canadian women are paid to play soccer.

There are 24 teams instead of the 12 in 1995.

This summer's first-round schedule sees Canada plays games June 6, 11 and 15, far more forgiving than 20 years ago.

Back in 1995, Canada's tournament was over by June 11 and the whole competition lasted just 14 days. The Canadian women played three games in five days which including making a 725-kilometre train ride overnight from Helsingborg to Gavle.

Beliveau, who today is the Canadian Soccer Association's long-term player-development manager, still marvels at the schedule.

"Those women never complained," said Beliveau, who was 31 and the only female head coach at the '95 tournament. "They lived it, because it was their top competition — a moment in life that you don't want to miss."

Canada, giving up two second-half goals, tied Nigeria 3-3 before being thumped 7-0 by Even Pellerud's Norway. Pellerud went on to coach Canada at two World Cups.

Canada failed to advance out of the first round at a tournament still in its infancy.

FIFA listed the attendance for the Nigeria game at 250, with 655 on hand for the England contest and 2,715 for the Norway match.

"We were walking down the streets and people would go 'Who are you? What's happening in our country?' People didn't even know," said Beliveau.

Canada had failed to qualify for the inaugural 12-team World Cup in 1991.

The 1995 Canadian roster included Isabelle Morneau, just 19 at the time, as well as Stoumbos, Donnelly, Charmaine Hooper, Andrea Neil, Michelle Ring, Janine Wood, Joan McEachern, Angela Kelly and Silvana Burtini.

Today, Beliveau and those 10 players are in Canada's Soccer Hall of Fame.

"I'm so happy for them," Beliveau said of those players. "Because they played the game at a moment where they were still establishing a status for the women's game."

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THE FUTURE

This could be the tournament she becomes the best midfielder in the world. We've told her that.

Coach John Herdman after Sophie Schmidt's goal gave Canada 1-0 win over England in a friendly on Friday in Hamilton.

Schmidt's 24th-minute strike was a right-footed one-timer on the edge of the penalty box. The Canadian women head to Edmonton on Tuesday in advance of Saturday's World Cup opener against China in Group A.

42,000

Canada will break a record without kicking a ball. The 42,000 tickets already sold for Saturday's World Cup opener at Edmonton's Commonwealth Stadium between Canada and China erases the previous mark of 29,953 for a women's 'A' international on home soil.

CORRUPTION SCANDAL

Report pegs FIFA's Valcke at centre of $10M bribe

A report says the high-ranking FIFA official who allegedly made a $10-million payment central to a U.S. probe into soccer corruption is believed to be Sepp Blatter's right-hand man, Jerome Valcke.

The New York Times reported late Monday that U.S. law enforcement officials believe Valcke, FIFA's secretary general, transferred the money in 2008 to accounts controlled by Jack Warner, the former CONCACAF president and FIFA vice-president who faces corruption charges in the U.S. The report cited unidentified law enforcement officials.

SKIPPING OUT

FIFA announced earlier Monday that Valcke had cancelled his planned trip to attend the opening of the Women's World Cup in Vancouver on Saturday "due to the current situation."

U.S. investigators believe the money was paid as a bribe in exchange for Warner and others voting to give the 2010 World Cup to South Africa.

The Times said Valcke said in an email that he did not authorize the payment and did not have the power to do so. A FIFA statement said the payment was authorized by the then-finance committee chairman, per FIFA regulations. The chairman, Julio Grondona, died last year.

The payment is at the heart of a probe that led to seven FIFA members arrested last week and a total of 14 people named in a racketeering indictment accusing soccer officials of accepting more than $150 million in bribes.

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FIFA president Sepp Blatter, left, shakes hands with secretary general Jerome Valcke on Friday in Zurich.

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Keith's 'kind of a freak'

STANLEY CUP FINAL

Blackhawks piling ice time on star defenceman

Duncan Keith says he's not tired.

As much as he's playing in the playoffs, it's possible to get tired just watching him.

The Chicago Blackhawks' top defenceman has skated over an hour more than the next closest player for a total of 537 minutes through the first three rounds. If Keith keeps playing 31:36 a game, he'll have the highest average ice time since the NHL and the Elias Sports Bureau began keeping track in 1998.

537

The amount of time in minutes Keith has played through three rounds in the playoffs

Keith is on pace to play more than 600 minutes this post-season, a feat that has been accomplished only 31 previous times since 1998 and twice already by him. A third would put him ahead of elite company that includes Chris Pronger and Scott Niedermayer.

"He's kind of a freak as far as his metabolism and conditioning level," coach Joel Quenneville said during the Western Conference final. "Just certain guys genetically, aerobically, anaerobically, they can sustain it."

That's a common theme for minute-munching defencemen who have taken on a heavy burden on the way to the Cup final.

"I think that you get used to it," said Derian Hatcher, who averaged almost 28 minutes a game for the Dallas Stars in 2000. "I think when you're used to it and when you're conditioned to it, it's not a big deal at all. You kind of expect it."

Part of the expectation is on Keith, given the Blackhawks' lack of reliable depth on defence. Quenneville leans heavily on the 31-year-old Norris Trophy winner, Niklas Hjalmarsson (26:34 a game), Brent Seabrook (26:21) and Johnny Oduya (25:23).

After beating the Anaheim Ducks in Game 7 of the West final, Keith said he didn't think any player was tired this time of year. The excitement of facing the Tampa Bay Lightning in the Stanley Cup final is enough energy for the Blackhawks' Energizer Bunny.

If Keith continues playing more than 31 minutes a game, he'll approach or surpass Nicklas Lidstrom's average ice time of 31:10 from the Detroit Red Wings' 2002 Cup run. If the series goes seven games and he keeps this up, he'll pass Los Angeles Kings defenceman Drew Doughty's total ice time of 747:33 from last year.

"Keith is a guy who knows how to manage his minutes well," said Lightning defenceman Matt Carle, who averaged 25 minutes a night for the 2010 Philadelphia Flyers. "You watch him play, he skates pretty effortlessly. But I've got to think it's been taking a toll on his body."

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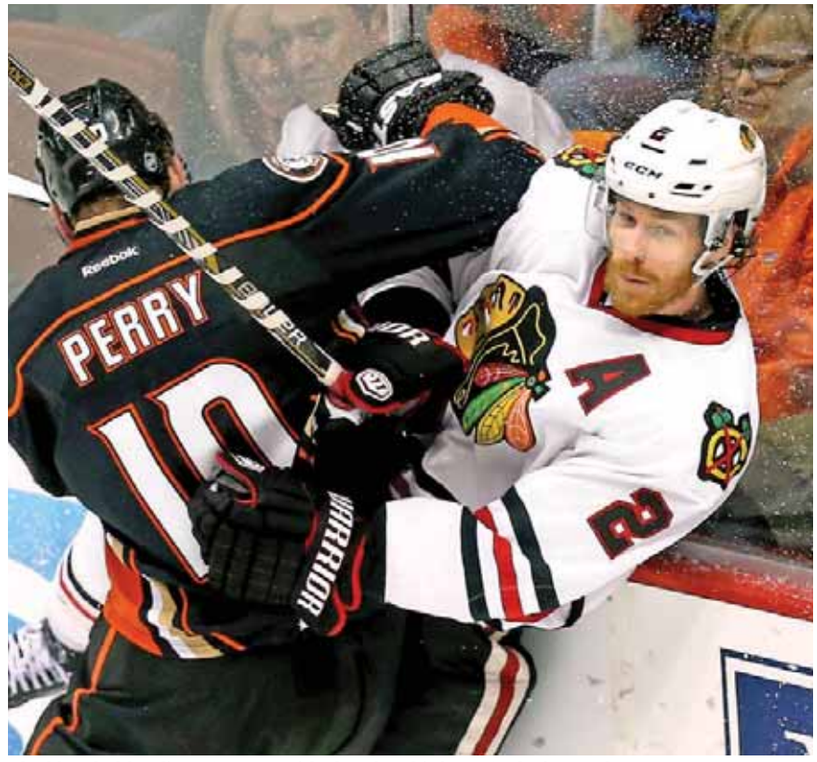

Blackhawks blue-liner Duncan Keith absorbs a hit from Ducks forward Corey Perry on Saturday night during Game 7 of the Western Conference final in Anaheim. STEPHEN DUNN/GETTY IMAGES

> **"I'm sure we're going to try to make him work as much as possible and try to tire him out as much as we can.**
>
> Lightning defenceman Matt Carle

WHO'S NEXT?

Lightning's playoff path has them ready for 'Hawks

The Tampa Bay Lightning were constantly reminded this post-season of what they hadn't done.

This version of the Lightning hadn't won a playoff game, let alone a series, knew nothing about Game 7 pressure and ventured into uncharted territory in the conference final.

Along the way, the young Lightning became the first team since 1998 to reach the Stanley Cup final after being swept the previous year and the first in NHL history to defeat three Original Six teams to get to this point. After already knocking off the Detroit Red Wings, Montreal Canadiens and New York Rangers, they can add another if they beat the Chicago Blackhawks and raise the Cup.

More than history, though, the Lightning picked up valuable lessons over the first three rounds that make them more prepared to take on Chicago, which Steven Stamkos called "the ultimate beast."

"This is the biggest challenge yet," Stamkos said Monday after practice at Amalie Arena. "You grow as a team throughout each round, you learn a lot about this group, the adversities we've had to overcome, the great players that we've played along the way and have overcome." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Conn Smythe Trophy front-runners

A year ago "Mr. Game 7" Justin Williams recorded two goals and five assists in the Stanley Cup final to earn the Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP. A handful of players could emerge from the pack to do the same this year. Here is a look some of the candidates with odds from online betting site Bodog.

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1 TYLER JOHNSON

With a playoff-best 12 goals and 21 assists, Johnson has been the Lightning's best player. Centre of the productive "Triplets" line between Ondrej Palat and Nikita Kucherov, the 24-year-old has scored on a consistent basis and in big moments.
Odds: 4-1

Tyler Johnson
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2 DUNCAN KEITH

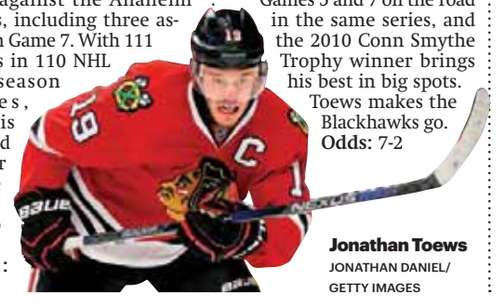
Averaging 31 minutes 35 seconds a game, the Blackhawks' No. 1 defenceman has played almost 70 more minutes than the next highest player in the playoffs. He's also far and away the top blue-line scorer with 18 points.
Odds: 5-1

3 PATRICK KANE

The 2013 Conn Smythe Trophy winner had seven points in Chicago's Western Conference final against the Anaheim Ducks, including three assists in Game 7. With 111 points in 110 NHL post-season games, Kane is primed for more in the Cup final.
Odds: 9-2

4 JONATHAN TOEWS

Toews became the first player in Stanley Cup playoff history to have multiple goals in Games 5 and 7 on the road in the same series, and the 2010 Conn Smythe Trophy winner brings his best in big spots. Toews makes the Blackhawks go.
Odds: 7-2



Jonathan Toews
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5 BEN BISHOP

Tampa Bay's starting goaltender has a 2.15 goals-against average and .920 save percentage, but his two Game 7 shutouts stand out. If the final turns into a long series, Bishop will face his strongest test of the playoffs and have to pass it.
Odds: 5-1

6 VICTOR HEDMAN

Hedman's numbers don't pop off the page, but the big defenceman's play has improved as the playoffs have evolved. The Lightning don't need him to be a 30-minute man, but his 23 a game are some of the best in hockey right now.
Odds: 35-1

Victor Hedman
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RECIPE Avocado and Chicken Wonton Bites

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These avocado-filled wontons are perfect for a healthy teaser before the main. Recipe makes 12.

Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes

Ingredients
- 12 small wonton or egg roll wrappers
- 1 avocado
- 3 Tbsp lemon or lime juice
- 2 Tbsp chopped cilantro
- 1 Tbsp low fat mayonnaise
- 1 garlic clove
- ¼ tsp cumin powder
- 3 Tbsp finely diced red onion
- 1 cup finely diced, cooked chicken breast
- ¼ cup diced tomato
- ⅓ cup shredded white cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 375. Spray mini cup muffin tin with vegetable oil. Place wonton wrappers in each cup, spray with vegetable oil and bake for 10 minutes or just until lightly browned and crisp.
2. In bowl of a small food processor, purée avocado, juice, cilantro, mayonnaise, garlic and cumin until smooth.
3. Add in onion, chicken and tomato. Spoon into wonton shells and sprinkle with cheese.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 81
- Carbohydrates 7.0 g
- Protein 5.8 g
- Fat 3.6 g
- Cholesterol 12 mg
- Sodium 84 mg

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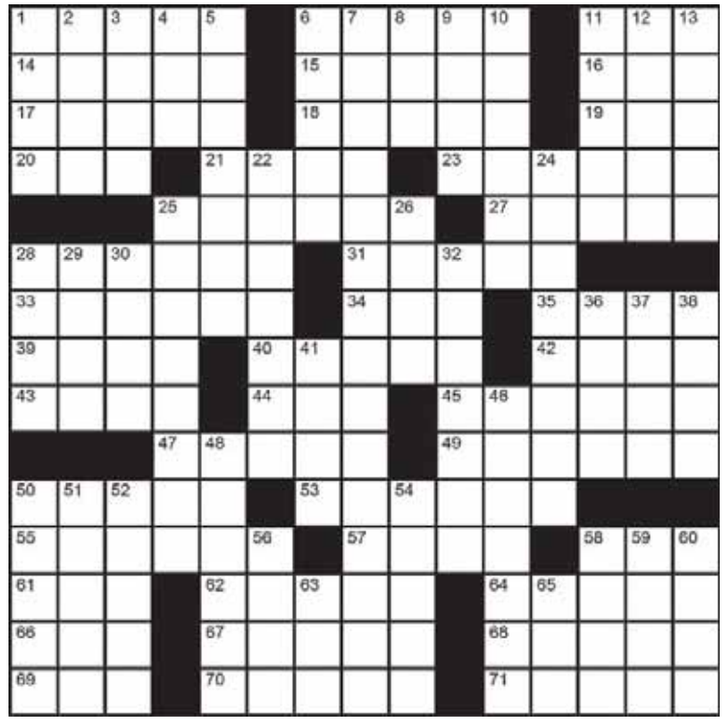

ACROSS
1. Zacharias __, Inuk director of "Atanarjuat: The Fast Runner" (2001)
6. Expect
11. Concealed
14. Cartoon style of Japan
15. Piquant
16. "Ghost" (1990) role, __ Mae Brown
17. Parish clergyman
18. "Coffee, __ __ milk?"
19. NBA-er, Jeremy __
20. "Greetings!" in ancient Rome
21. Biblical heirs, with The
23. Vancouver-set series of 2005 to 2008, "__ Arms"
25. Ms. DeWitt's of "Three's Company"
27. "The __ Professor" (1996)
28. Indirectly refer to
31. Kind of orange
33. Earth's third biggest island
34. 1901 Irving Bacheller book, __ and I
35. Fast food titan Ray
39. Coalition
40. Pickpocket trainer in "Oliver!" (1968)
42. Uncovered
43. Rave's partner
44. Actress Charlotte
45. Fix untidyness
47. The Who's "_ __ Explain"
49. Tatterly togged: 2 wds.
50. Variety of pear
53. "_' Fool" by The Guess Who
55. Senator for California Ms. Feinstein
57. Stirfry pans
58. Big noise
61. Inc., in England
62. Bird-related
64. Cad
66. Wrath
67. Change hair hue again
68. Call forth
69. __ & Breakfast
70. Smeltery waste
71. Speak, archaically

DOWN
1. Polynesian drink
2. Montreal's McGill, e.g.
3. Gracious
4. Ms. Thurman
5. __ Bear (Name by which British Columbia's provincial mammal the Spirit Bear is also known)
6. Empire of Mexico
7. Jaunts for just-a-few-days-off workers: 2 wds.
8. Cool Cucumber link: 2 wds.
9. "Use __ __ lose..."
10. Actor, __ Power (b.1914 - d.1958)
11. "The Planets" composer Gustav
12. __ box (Television)
13. Mr. DeVito
22. Protective daughter of ancient Egypt's sun god: 3 wds.
24. Canadian food retailer since 1982: 2 wds.
25. Haines __ (Yukon village)
26. Wrapped garment
28. Shortened word, for short
29. Kinks hit
30. Dianetics guru, _. __ Hubbard
32. Suzie __, Saskatoon-born Blues singer
36. _-_-tat-tat
37. Beaver State [abbr.]
38. Millennium divs.
41. _ __ E ("Bates Motel" network, spelled-out)
46. Exiles to Elba, for instance
48. Ocean liner company since 1840
50. Improvise
51. Gunpowder component
52. Weary
54. Canonical hour
56. At all
58. Marker on the water
59. Requests
60. Convene
63. Nuptials vow: 2 wds.
65. Lab eggs

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Don't force yourself to do something you don't enjoy today as it's unlikely you'll do a good job of it. Save your time and energy for something you want to do, even if you have to wait until the end of the week.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You are never afraid to try something new but the full moon in wayward Sagittarius warns you to be a bit more cautious over the next few days. Take a risk if you must, but make it a calculated one.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
If you find yourself backed into a corner today you will have to talk your way out of trouble. If you sound sincere, even your rivals and enemies will find it hard to criticize you.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If you expect things to go wrong today they most likely will. However, if you expect things to go right, even the most difficult situations could go your way. It's not magic, it's your mind creating your world.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Most likely you will be praised to the skies today. Wherever you go, whatever you do: you'll hear only good things about yourself. Should you be suspicious? Yes, never trust anyone under the light of a full moon!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Your best course of action today is to sit on the sidelines and refuse to get involved, no matter what disputes may be taking place. They are too complex for even a Virgo. Let others sort them out for a change.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Don't let anyone speak on your behalf today. They will most likely say things that could cause trouble. The more controversial your opinions the more you will need to explain them yourself.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Today's full moon suggests you won't be thinking straight or feeling straight, so watch out. Above all, don't take risks with money — you'll lose out!

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You believe that nothing can harm you, that you can push your luck to the limit and get away with it. Your self-belief is admirable but reality could make a large dent in your confidence. The full moon in your sign warns against taking risks.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
There may be a dozen and one things you are worrying about at the moment but none of them are important. Compared to most people your existence is charmed. There is simply no need for negativity.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Focus on the big picture over the next 24 hours and don't let little things annoy you. No matter what goes wrong, in the greater scheme of things everything is progressing exactly as it should.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Today's full moon warns this is not a good time to take risks or liberties, especially on the work front. Something unexpected is likely to occur, be ready to adapt to whatever new power structure may arise.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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